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APPLICANTS M. Hamamoto, et al. EXAMINER: Rodriguez, Glenda P  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed March 10, 2004, in the above referenced application.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required since this response is being filed before the expiration of the specified time period. Applicants, however, conditionally petition for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked and is required. As provided below charge Deposit Account No. 04-1105 for any required fee.

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to Specification** begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.